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SUBJECT: USCO MEETING WITH MOSSOVIET OFFICIALS RE: "FIRE SAFETY'77"

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1. COMATT AND COMMOFF MET AUGUST 24 AT MOSSOVIET WITH E.E. BEZRUKOV, HEAD, FOREIGN RELATIONS DEPARTMENT, AND G.V. KIREEVA, CHIEF OF TECHNICAL DEPARTMENT, TO DISCUSS FIRE SAFETY S/ME. MOSSOVIET OFFICIALS WERE OPENLY ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT EVENT AND SAID THEY WOULD PROVIDE US WITH LIST OF SPECIFIC TOPICS IN A FEW DAYS WHICH CITY COUNCIL'S TECHNICAL SPECIALISTS WOULD LIKE TO SEE COVERED. COMMENTING PRELIMINARILY, BEZRUKOV EXPRESSED SPECIAL INTEREST IN SYSTEMS APPROACH TO FIRE DETECTION AND PREVENTION IN HIGH-RISE DWELLINGS WITH EMPHASIS ON USE AND APPLICATION OF SPRINKLER SYSTEMS.

2. MOSSOVIET ALSO WILL SEND REPRESENTATIVES FROM CONSTRUCTION DIVISION TO "CONCRETE '77" S/ME. GIVEN WARM AND SEEMINGLY OPEN RECEPTION USCO OFFICERS WERE ACCORDED BY BEZRUKOV AND KIREEVA, WE BELIEVE MOSCOW CITY COUNCIL CAN PLAY USEFUL ROLE IN HELPING US TO DEVELOP UNCLASSIFIED

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TOPICS FOR FUTURE S/ME EVENTS. FOR EXAMPLE, BEZRUKOV SUGGESTED THEME FOR S/ME BACK-UP (FIRST AID TECHNOLOGY AND EQUIPMENT) WHICH, INCIDENTALLY, COULD BE WELL-SUITED FOR PRESENTATION IN ANOTHER LARGE SOVIET CITY BESIDES MOSCOW--SAY, IN LENINGRAD OR KIEV, BEZRUKOV EMPHASIZED TO HIS CALLERS THAT ADMINISTERING A CITY OF NEARLY TEN MILLION PEOPLE WAS NO EASY TASK, DEMANDING A GREAT DEAL IN

WASY OF MUNCIPAL SERVICES--THE BROAD RANGE OF WHICH OFFERED MANY VIABLE THEMEXUWHICH COULD BE EMPLOYED BY USCO IN ITS S/ME PROGRAM. BEZRUKOV, SOMEWHAT SURPRISINGLY--SINCE THIS WAS OUR FIRST CONTACT WITH MOSSOVIET IN SOME TIME--SAW SIGNIFICANT PROSPECTS FOR WHAT HE TERMED "COOPERATION" BETWEEN MOSSOVIET AND COMMERCIAL OFFICE IN EXPANDING CONTACTS BETWEEN U.S. BUSINESS FIRMS AND SOVIET MUNICIPAL END-USERS.

3. AMONG OUR LIST OF S/ME'S TO BE HELD IN 1978, FOR EXAMPLE, BEZRUKOV'S EYES LIT UP WHEN HE SAW EVENTS ON SURGICAL/MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AND AIR POLLUTION CONTROL SCHEDULED FOR MARCH AND JUNE AND HE ASKED FOR MORE INFORMATION ON BOTH WHEN IT IS AVAILABLE. WE AGREED TO KEEP HIM INFORMED ON THESE EVENTS AND ON OUR FUTURE PROGRAM IN GENERAL. IN PARTICULAR, WE SUGGESTED AND HE AGREED TO ANOTHER MEETING AT MOSSOSOVIET IN ABOUT SIX WEEKS TIME TO DISCUSS OUR PROGRESS ON "FIRE SAFEY '77".
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